PLANT FACT SHEET

Malus hupehensis (Pampanini) Rehder

GENUS *Malus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Chinese crab apple, Hubei crabapple, Hubei Haitang, Tea crab apple

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves - tea

The leaves are used as a substitute for tea.
The sour fruit is eaten.
The fruit are used for wine.

DESCRIPTION

A deciduous tree. It grows 12 m tall. It is a broad spreading shape. The bark is purple-brown and flakes into rectangular plates. The freshly exposed bark is orange-brown. The flowers are white and on long stalks. They are 5 cm across and have 5 broadly overlapping petals. They have a scent. The fruit are rounded and flattened. They are deep red and 1 cm across. They hang in clusters on long slender stalks.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It is native to China. It grows in mountain woodlands. It can grow in full sun and part shade. It needs moderately fertile, moist and well-drained soil. It suits hardiness zones 4-10.

NOTES

There are about 35 Malus species and very many cultivated varieties.

PICTURES



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